

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21st April 2026



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

Welcome to Term 2. This term will be an 11 week term. Our school-wide theme (unit) is **FLIGHT**.

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is officially this coming Saturday – 25th April. However, the **public holiday is Monday 27th April. SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.**

This is one of those public holidays that is Mondayised. Mondayisation is the official New Zealand term used when a public holiday falls on a weekend is observed on the following Monday (or sometimes Tuesday) for employees who do not normally work weekends. ANZAC Day is one of the holidays that can be Mondayised.



Our senior choir will perform at the park on Oxford Street, across from Richmond School, between 12.30pm and 1pm on Wednesday 29th April. The choir will perform four songs, including the National Anthem and a lovely ANZAC song called “Lest We Forget”.

Family, RSA members and members of the public are welcome to come and listen.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

The senior choir and kapa haka performed at the TDC Citizenship Ceremony on Tuesday 31st March 2026 at the church hall across from school.

The ceremony has many certificates presented to families who are becoming a New Zealand Citizen.

Our choir performed 3 songs beautifully, leading the National Anthem and then a strong haka lead by Mataias.

We have been asked to perform again in week 2 this term.

This ceremony was extra special as my sister-in law Huong Luong (May Armstrong) received her certificate.
Glenna Armstrong and Jenna Maher.



TAKAHĒ MINI FAIR

During the last week of Term 1 the Takahē Syndicate held a Mini Fair as part of our Technology unit.

The children followed the Technology process where they were given a brief, researched products, planned, designed, created a prototype, made changes, and last of all created their final product to sell to the rest of the school at the mini fair. This unit also tied in with many other areas, such as handling money, working as a team, being a stall holder, and problem solving.



The mini fair day was a very successful day raising \$1282.20! The children were super excited to see it all come to life and to be able to sell products they had made. A massive thank you to all of the parents who supported this by donating supplies, helping with production and being there on the day. Lastly a big thanks to all of the classes for coming along and buying the children's products. All in all, a very successful unit.

The money will be used to buy something/s for the Takahē Syndicate children. They will have ownership over this, and it will be decided early this term by them.

Morgan Eggers (Takahē syndicate leader)



STAFF CHANGES

A reminder about some staff changes for this term. The first 3 have been mentioned in a Term 1 newsletter.

- Jo Canning (Room 8 teacher) is on Refreshment Leave for Term 2 2026. Sebina Bastion is teaching Room 8 during Term 2. Morgan Eggers is 'Acting' syndicate leader for term 2.
- Samara Shepherd is teaching Room 10 for the remainder of 2026.
- Sharon Poindgestre rejoins our team as an experienced teacher-aide (Sharon was here 2009 – 2018).
- Carol (Caz) Ward is starting as a part-time teacher – 2 days a week, working in classrooms throughout the school. Caz is a very experienced teacher and many years ago played hockey for New Zealand. She is full of life and has a great sense of humour.



Sebina



Samara



Sharon



Carol

ACCORD DAYS

- The Minister of Education has provided all schools with two ACCORD Days to be used in 2026. These are Professional Development days for the staff to upskill in the new 'Refreshed' Mathematics curriculum. The first ACCORD day will be on **Friday 15th May 2026**. 3 other schools will be joining with us for the day – Brightwater, Appleby and Ranzau. **Richmond School will be closed on Friday 15th May 2026.**
- At the moment, our second ACCORD DAY is going to be Friday 23rd October.

WAIMEA SCHOOL NETWORK REVIEW

Back in 2018 the Ministry of Education considered options for schools in the Waimea region. As an outcome, some primary schools decided to recapitate (to include Year 7 and 8 students at their schools) and Ranzau School was to move to land at Berryfields. The latter has been on hold for a number of years. Last Thursday our Waimea schools were informed that the relocating of Ranzau School won't be happening. I make no secret of the fact that our school has been opposed to the Ministry of Education's determination to build a new school on land in Berryfields. For us, the information we received on Thursday, is a good decision. We await to hear what the Ministry of Education is planning in terms of future developments for schooling in our local region.

Here is part of the email our school received from the Ministry of Education:

Kia ora kōrua

This email is to inform you that the Ministry of Education will not be relocating Ranzau School to the undeveloped future school site in Richmond West (Berryfield Drive) as previously planned.

In late December, the Government announced the outcome of a private litigation proceeding relating to a historic ownership arrangement of land in the Nelson, Motueka, and Golden Bay areas. As part of the litigation's resolution agreement, the Crown is returning land to the plaintiff (represented by Te Here-ā-Nuku Trust). This includes the land at 13 schools, six early learning services, and several teacher houses. This includes the undeveloped Richmond West site.

Te Here-ā-Nuku Trust was open to leasing the Richmond West site to the Ministry. The Ministry decided it was not financially prudent to lease the site for a new build. We are exploring other options to address roll growth in the area.

We understand that this change has a network effect on Richmond School. A network review has been carried out. During term 2, we will meet with you to discuss how to manage the impact on your school.

The accompanying background information summarises the history of this litigation, explains what land is affected, and what has been agreed.

If you have any questions, please feel free contact me directly.

Ngā mihi,

Vance Kerlake

Lead Advisor Network

Nelson Marlborough West Coast

Te Mahau | Education Services



**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education

TERM 2/3 NETBALL

Teams have been registered, and information given to players yesterday.
Uniforms will be given out next week.

If you haven't already paid the fee, please pay before games start.

*Year 1/2 - \$15 *Year 3/4 - \$20 *Year 5/6 - \$55

Please remember there is an annual uniform fee of \$10 to also be paid if you haven't already done so this year. No uniform will be given until this is paid.

Fees can be paid at the office via cash or EftPos, or online to
Richmond School Board of Trustees - 030751 0191581 00



William Street, Richmond



PROGRESSIVE HOME OWNERSHIP

Ten new homes

William Street, Richmond

- 10 home development
- Mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes
- Private outdoor space
- Communal pocket playground for children
- 1 parking space per home
- Completion expected in mid 2027
- Partner families to be selected late 2026

Habitat for Humanity Nelson is in the process of building a ten-home development in Richmond, Tasman. The homes are part of our rent-to-buy programme. Partner families will be selected in late 2026 following an application process. The eligibility criteria for applying is listed on the following page. This list is a guideline for your application to progress to acceptance.



Artists impression of William Street development site plan

The pathway for moving through the Progressive Home Ownership programme

- Initial renting period to build a deposit over 5 years.
- Rent, minus costs, counts towards a deposit. Habitat deducts costs over the tenancy period including property rates, insurance, maintenance and interest.
- After 5 years, the family can purchase the house outright, or enter a Long-Term Sale & Purchase Agreement with Habitat.
- Final sales price fixed at 'Year 1' value
- 375 hours of 'sweat equity' is a programme requirement, to be completed during the tenancy period and will include attending financial training workshops and volunteer work with Habitat.

Habitat for Humanity has a vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Our housing developments are quality homes, designed to provide warm, dry and energy-efficient properties at an affordable price. At the point of family selection into the programme, the homes are near completion. We don't offer customisation or bespoke requests for additions or changes to the design or interior decorating. Once a partner family has progressed through the rent-to-buy programme to own the home outright the property is theirs to alter or change, if desired.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Priority given to families with children
- First home buyers (with some exceptions)
- Gross household income between approximately \$100,000 and \$150,000
- Active KiwiSaver at the time of application
- Family size is appropriate for the available homes (2, 3 or 4 bedroom)
- NZ Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Willing to partner with Habitat for 5 to 10 years
- Preference is given to families who live in the region already, and have established connections.

The eligibility criteria acts as a guide only. The Selection Committee retains discretion to consider variations where appropriate. Please contact Habitat if you are unsure if you meet any of these requirements.



HABIT FOR HUMANITY NELSON

Currently taking expressions of interest for these houses.

<https://www.habitat.org.nz/locations/nelson>

For any questions or further information, please contact

nelsonapplications@habitat.org.nz



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A range of platters for the casual get-togethers or work events,

Or our iconic Lunch and Main Menu for a quality dining experience.

We can accommodate large groups for any occasion!

FREE ROOM HIRE

Book online or through our Functions Manager at functions.thg@gmail.com

Each year for many years we have been very fortunate to receive Pub Charity funds to purchase laptops, ipads and gymnastics equipment.

One of our main supporters has been Armadillos Restaurant on Queen Street in Richmond.

Please support them when you can.

THANK YOU SO MUCH ARMADILLOS.

**ANZAC DAY OBSERVED MONDAY 27th APRIL
SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

DISCLAIMER These are notices we include on request of organisations and individuals.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Autumn at "Silvan" - Open Garden

Entry via Richmond RDA, 169 Champion Road, Richmond

Saturday 2nd May 10am - 2pm

Postponement date Sunday 3rd May 10am-2pm

Fundraiser for

RICHMOND RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Tea, coffee and light refreshments available to purchase.
Also Raffles, Sponsor a Special Pony and "Buy a Bale" of hay to feed the horses.



Come and enjoy the autumn colour in this extensive garden.

Admission: \$5 per person, Children under 12-free (CASH ONLY - no eftpos)

Not suitable for mobility scooters.

Parking: Richmond RDA 169 Champion Road, Richmond

Email: richmondrrda@ra.co.nz Phone: 544 8960

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call Callum 021 0694211



5-7 year olds
Mondays 5-5.45pm
Wednesdays 4.15-5pm



8-13 year olds
Wednesdays and
Fridays 5-6pm



14+ year olds
Mondays, Wednesdays
and Fridays 6-7.30pm



WAIMAI UNITED HOCKEY

Hockey Games

CHILDREN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

If your children are interested in joining a club to play games in a hockey league please come and join our club!



COMPETITION IS ON WEDS NIGHTS
BETWEEN 4:30PM-7:00PM
STARTS TERM 2 2026.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS

Teams are 6 a side with a goalie played on half a turf



Please contact us to register for the upcoming winter season



Waimai United Hockey Club



dige_nz@outlook.com

HANDS UP FOR HOSPICE

The Fashion Edition

Championed by SMART BUSINESS CENTRE

A fabulous night of fashion, food, and community support.

Fashion from two of Nelson's top boutiques, Stacey Clothing and Homelee, alongside beautiful pre-loved pieces curated from our Nelson Tasman Hospice Shops.

Friday 1st May Doors open 6pm Show starts 7pm

Annesbrook Event Centre

Tickets \$55 Scan here to buy

Including a mini market showcasing amazing local businesses supporting Nelson Tasman Hospice this May!



<https://events.humanilix.com/hands-up-for-hospice-the-fashion-edition>

Fundraising for Nelson Tasman Hospice



Learn to Play

Free 4-Week Learn to Play Program:

- Perfect for beginners
- Build confidence on skates
- Learn hockey basics
- Make friends & join the Whalers community
- No cost, no pressure - just come have fun

When:

- Sunday May 3rd - 11:30am to 1pm
- Sunday May 10th - 11:30am to 1pm
- Sunday May 17th - 11:30am to 1pm
- Sunday May 24th - 11:30am to 1pm

Note: Public Skating is available in the school holiday's prior to Learn to Play



Long-Term Involvement

As skills grow, players can join local league teams, travel to national competitions, and even aim for selection in New Zealand's national team programs.

There is Inline Hockey for all ages and levels!

What Comes Next

After the 4-week Learn to Play program, players join their age-group team for regular Tuesday training sessions.

Our experienced coaching team would love to get you involved!



Nelsonwhalersinline@gmail.com | 021-120-1142

2026 HOCKEY OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 2nd MAY at Saxton Field Hockey turfs
9:00 AM — 10:30 AM

2026 HOCKEY OPEN DAY

We welcome everyone for a fun day!
Sticks / balls / bibs will be provided

FREE OPEN HOCKEY DAY
Free sausages & drinks

Fun games / basics skills

No registration needed

For further information please contact
NHA RDM - rdb@nelsonhockey.org.nz
www.nelsonhockey.org.nz - Pst: 03-5479968

2026 Nelson Hockey Junior Program II

Thursday 14th May to 18th June - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs
Register online at www.nelsonhockey.org.nz

Kindy Sticks:
3 & 4 years old, fun fundamental skill games
3.45pm - 4.30pm
\$45 for six week program

Fun Sticks:
5 & 6 years old, learn the basics of hockey, some fun games
3.45pm - 4.30pm
\$45 for six week program

Mini Sticks:
6 to 8 year old, skill development and game
4.30pm - 5.30pm
\$50 for six week program

U10 Sticks:
9 to 13 year old, skill development and game
5.30pm - 6.30pm
\$55 for six week program

Please make payment using child's name as reference to:
03-1354-042914-16

Registration spaces are limited and will close 7th May
Sessions could be cancel under bad weather conditions.

Regional Development Manager
rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz or phone - 03-5479968

SHRED WITH FRIENDS IMPROVE SKILLS & CONFIDENCE HAVE FUN! SAFE SENDS!

6 WEEKS OF MOUNTAIN BIKE COACHING

NELSON NIGHT RIDES
WEDNESDAYS
Coddgers MTB Park
4-6pm, 10+ yrs

SUNDAY SHREDS
MINI SHREDDERS
Rabbit Island
12.30-2pm
6-9 yrs

MINI SHREDDERS
THURSDAYS
Maitai Recreation Hub
3.30-5pm, 6-9 yrs

RICHMOND
Silvan Forest MTB Park
3-5pm
8-15 yrs

BOOKINGS OPEN FRIDAY 20TH MARCH @ 5PM - VIA WEBSITE

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